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LETTER MAKING REFERENCES OF RECORD

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, and to comply with United States Patent Office's Duty of Candor, Applicants submit the list of references below, two (2) pages of Form PTO-1449 and a copy of one (1) document cited therein.

These references which were cited by the Examiner on Form PTO-892 in corresponding application U.S.S.N. 10/924,642 in an Office Action mailed on December 29, 2009. Pursuant to the waiver in the notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications Filed After June 30, 2003" published on August 5, 2003 in 1273 OG 55, a copy of the U.S. Patents and Published Application are not enclosed. Copies will be provided upon request, however.

This Letter Submitting References is being submitted after a Final Office Action on merits. The present application is on Appeal before the Board of Appeals and Interferences.

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

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SMITH, et al., "Pharmacological analysis of cyclooxygenase-1 in inflammation," *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*, 95:13313-8 (1998).

Remarks

This statement should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no better art exists. Moreover, Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited art to determine its relevance to the subject matter of the present application. Applicants are of the opinion that their claims patentably distinguish over the art referred to herein, either alone or in combination.

Respectfully submitted,

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